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## **More than twenty local employers and community partners recognized today at RTC's 5<sup>th</sup> annual Horizon Awards**

LAS VEGAS – More than twenty local business and community partners received awards Wednesday for their outstanding contributions in improving the region's air quality and mobility at the Regional Transportation Commission's (RTC) 5<sup>th</sup> annual Horizons Award ceremony held at the Stardust Resort and Casino.

Emceed by Channel 13 chief meteorologist Nate Tannenbaum, the Horizon Awards recognized employers, community organizations and individuals in 10 categories for their leadership and commitment to developing, implementing, and promoting innovative and alternative transportation programs in Southern Nevada.

The Leadership Award was presented to City Councilman Michael Mack and Meli Roybal, City of Las Vegas; Eddie Bryant, City of North Las Vegas; Rose Ann Miele, City of Boulder City; Ron Smolinski, Clark County's Department of Air Quality Management and Leslie Montisano, City of Henderson; all for their commitment to promoting clean air and trip reduction strategies.

The recipients of the Creative Excellence Award were Linda Montenegro and Jason Wyatt of AAA Insurance; Jonathan St. Claire of Flamingo Las Vegas Resort and Sandra Trzaska and Gloria Delucia of the Clark County District Attorney's Office for their role as transportation coordinators and developing and delivering creative and innovative program themes for their worksites.

The Silver Spoke Award was given to Leslie Montisano and Mary Sexton of the City of Henderson and Susan Snyder of the Silver State Bicycle Coalition for their efforts in implementing an outstanding promotional program encouraging people to use bicycles as an alternate commute mode.

The Excellence in Pedestrian and Walking Award was presented to Shital Patel of the City of Henderson for implementing enhancements that resulted in the increase and safety of pedestrian traffic.

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The recipient of the Media Award was Omar Sofradzija, of the Las Vegas Review-Journal, for outstanding impartial coverage of transportation issues and efforts to improve air quality and mobility in Southern Nevada.

The Transportation Coordinator of Southern Nevada (TCNSN) Trailblazer Award was presented to Leslie Montisano of the City of Henderson for developing outstanding and innovative programs that established a level of excellence for all Southern Nevada transportation coordinators.

The recipient of the TCNSN Champion Award was Las Vegas City Councilman Michael Mack, who demonstrated leadership and support for TCNSN and Club Ride through service, guidance and encouragement.

The Crystal Air Award was presented to Pardee Homes for its contributions to improving air quality in Southern Nevada.

The City of Las Vegas received the prestigious Employer of the Year Award for continually supporting and encouraging the implementation of commuter benefits to employees through incentives, innovative programming and in-house marketing. Councilman Mack accepted the award on behalf of the City of Las Vegas.

The recipients of the Transportation Coordinators of the Year Award were CJ Rousseau and Carol Lisowski of MPower Communications for their exemplary work in implementing a worksite plan and demonstrating leadership, creativity and cooperation.

The Horizon Awards are hosted by the Regional Transportation Commission Southern Nevada and Club Ride Commuter Services, in partnership with the Clark County Department of Air Quality and Environmental Management.

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